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**MARK-UP SHOWING THE CHANGES MADE IN THE PREVIOUS CLAIM TO YIELD
THE CLAIM AS AMENDED ABOVE**

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--41. (Once Amended) A process for fixing colloids prepared onto solid supports, said process comprising preparing colloids by the process according to claim 38, and onto solid supports, said process comprising treating solid oxidic or non-oxidic solid materials with an aqueous solution of the colloids.--

--44. (Once Amended) A process for immobilizing colloids, prepared said process comprising preparing colloids by the process according to claim 38, said process for immobilizing comprising and incorporating said colloids into sol-gel materials.--

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.